

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
AUGUST 14, 2007

ATTENDING: Mayor John Ross
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk – Cheri Clark
Absent - Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Ross called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor John Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Hannah requested information on the Monroe By-pass and its' impact on the Village of Lake Park. Mayor John Ross responded that there are five or six true routes. Bill Parker asked if the Village of Lake Park has gone on record supporting a particular bypass route. The VOLP has only gone on record in opposition to routes closest to the municipal city limits.

Glori Perrin spoke to the Council concerning the new HOA Management Company – Braesael Properties based out of Matthews, North Carolina. The www.lakeparknc.com domain name is owned by the HOA and therefore only the website will change not the web address.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Kendall Spence made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY REPORT: Sarah Barbour thanked the deputies, SAGES, Community Watch and volunteers for all of their work at the National Night Out. The deputies to date have not provided a security report for the VOLP. Mayor John Ross asked the status of the vandalism cases that occurred July 30th.

Another accident at the intersection of Faith Church and Unionville/Indian Trail occurred this afternoon. Mayor John Ross has asked the District Engineer how the VOLP can be of service to help facilitate changes in the intersection including a traffic signal.

Greg Crosby thanked Community Watch for their efforts in looking out for the town. Royetta Sieminski stated that in the past the communication channel between Community Watch and the Deputies has been stronger. Community Watch could be of better service to the VOLP if Community Watch were kept aware of issues within the municipality.

FINANCE REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the financial statements for Council review.

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheri Clark requested that the Council authorize the collection of property taxes for 2007.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2007

In order to implement a process for the collection of property taxes in the Village of Lake Park, in a timely and efficient manner the following resolution is hereby adopted:

1. The Tax Collector ("Collector") is hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Union County Assessor and in the tax receipts delivered to the Collector, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the Village of Lake Park and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable the Collector to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.
2. The tax rate shall be established at twenty-three cents (\$0.23) per \$100 Valuation.
3. Collector is hereby given authority to contract with the County for the purpose of producing all scrolls, registers, receipts, billing notices and other records and files necessary to produce a sound tax collection system.
4. Collector is also authorized to expend monies for reasonable and normal administration costs for postage, copying, supplies, materials, software, and other items necessary to implement the foregoing.
5. Collector is to provide safekeeping for all tax monies received and is to make timely deposits of collections to a designated bank for Village accounts, when amounts of \$250 or more are received.
6. Due to the presumed cost ineffectiveness of collecting taxes on properties having very small valuations, Collector is hereby authorized to avoid processing collections where the tax bill is less than five dollars (\$5.00) for a given property.
7. Collector is hereby authorized to treat collection on tax billings where small underpayments or small overpayments (\$1.00 or less) are involved, as paid in full. Refunds are authorized for overpayments for \$1.01 or

more. An underpayment of \$1.01 or more shall be regarded as not paid in full.

8. The Village Council shall make provision for fidelity bonding of the Collector either through a blanket bonding covering town officials or may require an individual bond, any cost of which borne by the Collector shall be repaid to the Collector.

Witness my hand an official seal, this 14th day of August 2007.

John H. Ross, Mayor

Seal

Cheri S. Clark, Village Clerk

Greg Crosby made the motion to adopt the Resolution to Authorize The Collection of Property Taxes for 2007. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

WASTE COLLECTION: The Village of Lake Park invoice for July was the same as June - \$20,248.00

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked all articles for the next Villager be submitted by August 25th.

PARK AND RECREATION: Jo Waybright reported that the pool revenues to date are \$51,683.27 for the season. The revenue figure comes from seasonal memberships and daily walk-ups. Family night at the pool will be Friday night, August 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. In 2007 - Fishing Permit revenue - \$238.00. The pump motor for the old adult pool has to be replaced. Jo Waybright made the motion to expend \$525.00 for a new motor. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The Village of Lake Park Garden Club and the Friends of Mack has purchased a new picnic table for Russell Park. Wall décor for the Community Center will feature local scenes of Lake Park by resident artists. The exterior doors at the Community Center will be painted in the next couple of weeks.

Connie's Pond has experienced another fish kill. Kendall Spence is working on quotes to replace the fountain.

Greg Crosby has been working on the clock tower chimes and clocks. Everything is working up to the amplifier. The VanBergen Company has been asked to provide a quote including new drivers.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor John Ross met with the contractor to discuss the next phase of resurfacing in Lake Park projected cost - \$75,000 to \$80,000. Maps will be available at the next meeting for Council.

The Union County attorneys are reviewing the proposed Fred Kirby Park sidewalks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin presented to Council the Card Program Proposal, which Lake Park's 18 businesses, schools and churches are considering. Each participating organization is designing its own benefit offer for residents showing a Living in Lake Park keytag. Keytags will be distributed with a directory of participating organizations for an October 1, 2007 launch date. The EDC has a resident survey is in the planning stages for early 2008.

SET AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2007. Add – Senator Eddie Goodall as number 4.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jo Waybright thanked the National Night Out volunteers. Is it possible for Council and the HOA to have a joint meeting to discuss the logistics involved in the town taking over the Architectural Review Committee? Mayor John Ross stated that such a change would require a super majority vote from the HOA membership, however Council can certainly explore the possibility.

Sarah Barbour asked Council to please fill out the job description forms and return to the office.

Kendall Spence thanked all participants and volunteers for making National Night Out a success. Special thanks to Deputies Tomberlin and Hannon.

ADJOURN: Greg Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor John H. Ross

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark